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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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1. SINCE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE IN 1962, THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED BY PROVISIONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND HAVE BEEN GENERALLY RESPECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICE. THESE SAME GUARANTEES HAVE BEEN RETAINED UNDER THE NEW, REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL COME INTO FORCE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

2. WITHIN BROAD LIMITS, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THE PRESS, AND ASSEMBLY ARE ALLOWED TO ALL PERSONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES AND ARE PROTECTED BY AN INDEPENDENT AND RESPECTED JUDICIARY. CERTAIN OF THESE RIGHTS CAN AND HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR COMPARATIVELY BRIEF PERIODS OF TIME DURING OFFICIALLY-PROCLAIMED AND LEGISLATIVELY-SANCTIONED STATES OF EMERGENCY. THERE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, NO CHARGES THAT PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TORTURED OR OTHERWISE IMPROPERLY TREATED DURING THEIR IMPRISONMENT.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN

RIGHTS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT
DRASTIC CHANGES WILL OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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